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OUTSOURCING IN SHIPPING SECTOR
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has global outsourcing business for services and very little for labour-intensive manufacturing in the shipping sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether reservation of many items for manufacture by small-scale industries checks development of ship-building activity; and

(d) if so, the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): India is one of the leading players in the world market for global outsourcing business in various service sectors but has very little share of labour intensive manufacturing in the shipping sector. During the past 3-4 years, order book position of Indian shipyards has shown a phenomenal growth specially in export orders. The order book position has increased from Rs.150 crore in 2002 to about Rs.14,000 crore in 2006. India is expected to soon move up in the global ranking with the proposed capacity addition by various shipyards.

(c): Presently, there are no reservations for small scale industries in the shipbuilding sector.

(d): Does not arise.